

Existing law provides generally for the powers and duties of an elected police chief. Requires the police chief to make recommendations to the mayor and board of aldermen for the appointment of police personnel, the promotion of officers, to effect disciplinary action, and for dismissal of police personnel. Provides exceptions.

Prior law required the police chief in any municipality having a population of not more 1,800 persons and not less than 1,650 persons and located in any parish with a population of not more than 104,000 persons and not less than 98,500 persons to appoint, promote, discipline, and discharge police personnel subject to the budgetary limitations of the mayor and town council pertaining to the number of allotted positions for the police department.

New law makes prior law applicable to the town of Independence.

CITATION/ TOPIC	PRIOR LAW	AFFECTED LOCATIONS	NEW LAW
R.S. 33:423.21 - Authority over personnel by elected chief of police	Municipality having a population of not more than 1,800 persons and not less than 1,650 persons; and located in any parish with a population of not more than 104,000 persons and not less than 98,500 persons	Town of Independence (2000 census)	Independence

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(Amends R.S. 33:423.21)